GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3134
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COMMERCIAL MINING OF URANIUM
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Uranium Corporation of India (UCIL) plan to establish a multi-crore commercial mining of uranium in West Khasi Hill District;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise;

(c) whether any action has been taken to solve the problems;

(d) whether the State Pollution Contyrol Board (SPCB) has given clearance in this regard; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. UCIL proposes to set up a mine and processing plant at Kylleng, Pyndengsohiong, Mawthapah in the West Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya, after obtaining all necessary statutory clearances.

(c) Yes, Sir. Action has been initiated to address all aspects related to setting up of the project including the concerns of people.

(d) Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board has submitted the proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing held on 12.06.2007 to the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF). Clearance is awaited.

(e) Does not arise, in view of (d) above.